Table 17

TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE

September 13,1999 through October 26,1999

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

Quota	1999/2000	1999/2000	Percent of
Recipients	Quota, Metric Tons	Imports, Metric Tons	TRQ Used
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Argentina	10,750	547	5.1%
Brazil	80,200	3,164	3.9%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	689	6.9%
Guatemala	9,625	783	8.1%
Malawi	12,000	220	1.8%
Philippines	3,000	142	4.7%
Thailand	7,000	0	0.0%
Zimbabwe	12,000	215	1.8%
Residual 2/	3,000	1,105	36.8%
Total	150,325	6,865	4.6%

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first- come/first- served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

October 1999